

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39 M), a California Corporation, and Solano Land Trust, a California public benefit corporation, for an Order Authorizing the Amendment of an Option Agreement Previously Approved by the Commission Authorizing the Former to Sell and Convey to the Latter Certain Parcels of Land in Solano County Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851.

Application 04-07-039
(Filed July 27, 2004)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING, IN PART,
MOTION OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN
EXPEDITED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

This ruling grants, in part, Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) motion for an expedited procedural schedule. This ruling shortens the protest period to 15 days, rather than 30 days as otherwise provided in Commission Rule 44.1.¹ Accordingly, all protests to the application shall be filed on or before August 12, 2004.

Background

On July 27, 2004, PG&E filed Application 04-07-039 requesting an order authorizing the amendment of an option agreement with Solano Land Trust, A California Public Benefit Corporation (Solano), previously approved by the

¹ Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Commission allowing PG&E to sell certain parcels of land to Solano (Application).² The sale of these land parcels is pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851. Accompanying the Application is a PG&E motion for an expedited procedural schedule (Motion). PG&E's Motion requests a shortened time for protests to the Application, as well as an expedited schedule for draft and Commission decisions. PG&E's motion requests a final Commission decision by the end of August 2004. PG&E explains that Solano has already purchased certain of the land parcels and has secured funding to purchase the remaining land parcels. PG&E states that the funding for the remaining land parcels will expire on November 30, 2004. Therefore, PG&E requests the expedited schedule.

Discussion

As explained by PG&E, although D.01-05-076 approved the sale of certain parcels, Solano has not yet purchased all of these land parcels. In order to accommodate Solano's timing needs, the Application approving the amendment of an option agreement requires an expedited schedule. No protests to PG&E's motion have been received, and it appears reasonable to shorten the 30-day period for protests to the Application. However, as it is unknown whether any protests will be received, it is not possible to shorten the remainder of the procedural schedule.

In order to provide an adequate period for any protests, it is reasonable to shorten the protest period to 15 days; thus, any protests shall be filed by August 12, 2004.

² The Commission previously approved the land sale in Decision (D.) 01-05-076.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the time for filing protests to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's application is shortened to August 12, 2004.

Dated August 6, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ BRUCE DeBERRY
Bruce DeBerry
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting, In Part, Motion of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for an Expedited Procedural Schedule on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 6, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS
Elizabeth Lewis

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